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Applicant(s): Christopher J. Hess et al.					
Application No. 10/612,363	Filing Date July 2, 2003	Examiner A. Roane	Customer No. 23389	Group Art Unit 3739	Confirmation No. 5400

Invention: **VESSEL HARVESTING RETRACTOR WITH ELECTROSURGICAL PLUNGER**

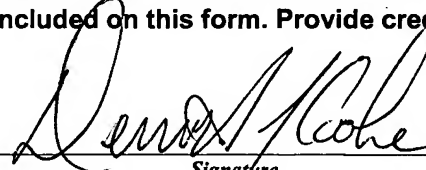
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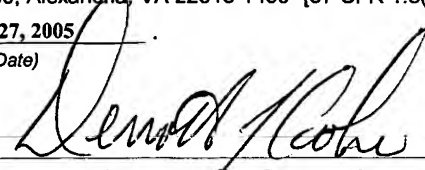
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Sir:

This Amendment is filed in reply to the Final Office Action mailed April 27, 2005. Entry and consideration of the Amendment is respectfully requested.

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